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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6988**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1410

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 2, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Speed Limit for Larger Motor Vehicles.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Washburne

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that the maximum speed limit for a vehicle having a declared gross weight greater than 26,000 pounds operated on a highway that is: (1) on the national system of interstate and defense highways located outside an urbanized area (as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101) with a population of at least 50,000; or (2) the responsibility of the Indiana Finance Authority; is 70 miles per hour. (Current law provides that the speed limit for those vehicles is 65 miles per hour.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** By increasing the speed restrictions for vehicles with weights in excess of 26,000 lbs., this bill could decrease Indiana State Police (ISP) workload to issue citations for violators. Actual decreases in workload are unknown.

**Additional Information:** For FY 2012, there was a total of 59,363 vehicles with a declared weight in excess of 26,000 lbs. registered in the state. Additionally, for FY 2012, there were a total of 154,729 speeding offenses in the state where the offender pled guilty (which includes the number of speeding violations in work zones).

**Explanation of State Revenues:** This bill removes lower speed restrictions for vehicles with a declared weight in excess of 26,000 lbs. on the interstate and highways that are the responsibility of the Indiana Finance Authority. Currently, the speed restriction for these vehicles on these roads is 65 miles per hour. Under the bill, the speed restriction will now be 70 miles per hour.

The penalty for violating speed restrictions for vehicles with a declared weight in excess of 26,000 lbs. is a Class C infraction. By increasing the speed restriction for these vehicles, this bill could decrease the number of Class C infractions in the state.

*Penalty Provision:* The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500, which would be deposited in the state General Fund. However, any reduction in revenue is likely to be small.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** By increasing the speed restrictions for vehicles with weights in excess of 26,000 lbs., this bill could decrease local law enforcement workload to issue citations for violators. Additionally, this bill could decrease court workload to process issued citations.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Penalty Provision:* If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees. However, any reduction in revenue is likely to be small.

**State Agencies Affected:** ISP

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

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